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SUBJECT: FRG ANSWERS NOV 6 GDR PROTEST AGAINST FEDERAL
ENVIRONMENT OFFICE

REF: BONN 16217, NOVEMBER 8, 1973

1. FONOFF REPS HAVE PASSED US TEXT OF FRG REPLY TO
NOV 6 GDR NOTE (ADDRESSED TO FRG FONMIN) PROTESTING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF FRG ENVIRONMENT OFFICE IN WEST BERLIN.
AS ANTICIPATED REFTTEL THE UNADDRESSED FRG NOTE CLOSELY
FOLLOWS ALLIED RESPONSE TO SOVIETS ON SAME SUBJECT
DELIVERED IN MOSCOW DECEMBER 29. THE FRG NOTE WAS GIVEN
BY GAUS TO NIER DURING THEIR JAN 15-16 TALKS IN BONN.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE THREE POWERS,
WHICH EXERCISE SUPREME AUTHORITY IN BERLIN (WEST), HAVE
INFORMED THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IN A NOTE OF DECEMBER 29
THAT THE PLANNED FEDERAL OFFICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
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OF THE FRG CAN BE ESTABLISHED IN BERLIN (WEST) IN
CONFORMITY WITH TH* QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT OF 3

SEPTEMBER 1971 AND WITH PRESENT PRACTICE.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO THE NOTE OF THE THREE POWERS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STATES THE FOLLOWING REGARDING THE NOTE OF THE GDR OF 6 NOVEMBER 1973.

(1) THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE THREE POWERS ARE NOT OF THE OPINION THAT THERE HAS EVER BEEN AN UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE FOUR POWERS CONCERNING A REDUCTION OF THE SO-CALLED FEDERAL PRESENCE IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN, WHICH COULD HAVE SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PLANNED FEDERAL OFFICE IN BERLIN (WEST). NOR IS AN UNDERSTANDING OF THIS KIND EXPRESSED IN THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT AND ITS ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS.

(2) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED FEDERAL OFFICE IN BERLIN (WEST) WOULD NOT BE A UNILATERAL CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF BERLIN. THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT EXPRESSLY PROVIDES THAT THE TIES BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND THE FRG SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND DEVELOPED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THESE SECTORS CONTINUE NOT TO BE A CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FRG AND NOT TO BE GOVERNED BY IT. THE FEDERAL OFFICE WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES AND THIS PROVISION.

4. THIS VIEW OF THE THREE POWERS IS SHARED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RECALLS IN THIS CONNECTION THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX IV OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, TREATIES OF THE FRG WITH OTHER STATES CAN BE EXTENDED TO BERLIN (WEST) PROVIDING MATTERS OF SECURITY OR OF THE STATUS OF BERLIN (WEST) ARE NOT THEREBY AFFECTED. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO BILATERAL TREATIES WHICH CONCERN QUESTIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. END TEXT.
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